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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 8634

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, EC

SUBJECT: GOE POLICY REGARDING FOREIGN FISHING

REF: QUITO 8555

1. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF DECREE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL
FOLLOWS IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION. QUOTE:

ARTICLE 1 - PROHIBITS INDUSTRIAL FISHING OF FOREIGN-FLAG
VESSELS WITHIN AN AREA OF 40 NAUTICAL MILES MEASURED FROM THE
BASE LINES WHICH SERVE TO MEASURE THE WIDTH OF THE TERRITORIAL
SEA, WITH APPLICATION TO THE CONTINENTAL TERRITORY AS WELL AS
THE ISLAND TERRITORIES.

EXCEPTED FROM THIS PROHIBITION ARE FOREIGN FLAG FISHING
VESSELS OPERATING UNDER A CHARTER CONTRACT OR AN ASSOCIA-
TION CONTRACT WITH FISHING ENTERPRISES ESTABLISHED IN THE COUN-
TRY.

ARTICLE 2 - PROHIBITS THE ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES
AND FISHING LICENSES FOR OPERATIONS IN ECUADOREAN TERRITORIAL
WATERS TO ANY FOREIGN-FLAG VESSEL OF MORE THAN 600 NET REGIS-
TERED TONS. END QUOTE.

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2. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY (AYALA)

TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER WHEN HANDING OVER COPY OF DECREE THAT HE DID NOT HAVE SIGNED COPY, BUT WAS SURE TEXT OF DOCUMENT QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH ABOVE WAS CORRECT.

3. AYALA REPEATED CONSERVATION ARGUMENTS AND CITED RECENT US REGULATIONS TO PROTECT DOLPHINS AS EXAMPLE OF ANOTHER ASPECT OF WHAT GOE INTENDED. HE SAID GOE DID NOT BELIEVE US INTERESTS WOULD BE DAMAGED AND ASSERTED THAT GOE CONSERVATION MEASURE WAS MUCH MILDER THAN CONSERVATION MEASURES PASSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, I.S., U.S. HE REPEATED ARGUMENT LAST YEAR ONLY 5 VOYAGES (WITH 3 SHIPS) HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN ECUADOREAN WATERS BY US VESSELS OVER 600 NRT.

4. FULL SPANISH TEXT OF DECREE AND INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

5. COMMENT: PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL FISHING (DOUBLE THE VALUE OF THE PERMIT AND CONFISCATION OF CATCH ON FIRST OFFENSE) APPEAR TO US AS POSSIBLY PROHIBITIVE FOR VESSELS OVER 600 NRT. IT MAY BE THAT US FISHING INDUSTRY WILL HAVE THIS IN MIND IF THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO BRINGING THE LARGER PURSE SEINERS INTO WHAT GOE CONSIDERS ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS.
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